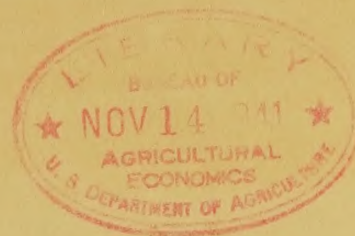


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INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHECKING AND REPORTING PERFORMANCE

(Applicable only to Texas and Oklahoma)

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## PART I - GENERAL

Form SR-553, "Performance Report - 1941 Range Conservation Program - Southern Region", (hereinafter referred to as Form 553) is to be used in reporting approved range-building practices carried out on ranching units in 1941. This form shall be prepared in the original only and in all cases it shall cover the same land as is covered by a Form SR-552A, "Report on Examination and Request for Participation" (hereinafter referred to as Form 552A). If one Form 553 is not sufficient for reporting all data for the ranch, additional Forms 553 designated "Continuation Sheet" should be prepared, properly identified, and attached to the original form.

In determining the extent to which practices have been carried out on the ranching unit the instructions in SRB-503A regarding the care and use of aerial photographs or other maps and the determination of acreages or other units of measurement shall be followed.

## PART II - ENTRIES BY COUNTY OFFICE

All entries in the heading and in Section 1 of Form 553 shall be made in the county office before the form is delivered to the range inspector. The extent of the practices carried out on the ranching unit shall be summarized in Section 3 by the county office after the Form 553 has been executed by the operator(s) and the range inspector and returned to the county office.

### A. Heading:

Enter in the space provided the State and county code and the ranching unit serial number.

Enter in the space provided the number(s) of the enlargement(s) covering the ranching unit.

### B. Section 1. - Names and Addresses of Ranch Operators:

Enter from the related Form 552A.

### C. Section 2. - Approved Range-building Practices Carried Out:

The entries in column C for those practices which are expressed in acres shall be computed and entered by a clerk in the county office after plot boundaries on the enlargement and any necessary measurements have been determined by the range inspector. The entry clerk shall also enter in Column C, immediately to the left of the entry made in that column by the range inspector, the acreage in each plot or field on which practice No. 2, No. 4(a), or No. 4(b) is carried out and shall circle such entry.



D. Section 3. - Summary of Practices Carried Out:

Enter in column A under practice No. 1(b) (Supplemental practices) a short description of any practices recommended by the county committee and approved by the State committee which have been carried out on the ranch in 1941 in connection with deferred grazing, and summarize in column B the extent to which such practices were carried out.

Summarize in column B the extent to which each approved range-building practice was carried out, as shown in column C of Section 2. Also enter in column B for practices No. 2, No. 4(a), and No. 4(b) the acreage on which the practice in question was carried out.

Enter in column B for practice No. 6(a) only the total number of spreader dams constructed, enter for practice No. 7 only the total number of earthen tanks or reservoirs constructed, and enter for practice No. 10 only the total number of natural watering places developed.

E. Section 4. - Signatures:

The clerk in the county office who summarizes the practices in section 3 of Form 553 shall affix his signature and enter the date thereof in the spaces provided.

PART III - ENTRIES BY RANGE INSPECTOR

Entries by the range inspector shall be made on Form 553 at the time he visits the ranching unit. In order to determine whether the range-building practices meet the necessary specifications, the range inspector should carry with him a copy of SRB-551, "Range Handbook for Texas and Oklahoma", with any amendments thereto, and a copy of all specifications established by the State and county committees for the various practices.

A. Section 2. - Approved Range-building Practices Carried Out:

1. Location: Enter in column A from the enlargement or map of the ranching unit the location of each tract of land on which an approved range-building practice, for which prior approval has been given by the county committee on Form 552A, has been carried out. If two or more practices have been carried out in the same pasture or more than one project of the same practice (two wells drilled, two reservoirs constructed, etc.) has been carried out in the same pasture, the location of such pasture shall be reported for each such practice or project. This data should in all cases be in sufficient detail that the practice can be readily located. If the practice is (1) expressed in acres or (2) limited to a maximum payment per acre, as is the case with respect to practices Nos. 2, 4(a), and 4(b), and the entire area in the pasture is not devoted to the practice, the range inspector shall indicate in column A that part of the pasture on which the practice is carried out in order that the acreage in question may be determined in the county office. Practices carried out with labor, seed, trees, or materials furnished by any State



or Federal agency shall not be reported on Form 553<sup>1/</sup> except where the amount of such assistance rendered the ranch operator(s) by the State or Federal agency represents less than one-half of the total cost of carrying out the practice.

2. Description of practice: Enter in column B a short description of each practice, using the applicable description appearing in Section 3 of Form 553. Where a practice was carried out with labor, seed, trees, or materials furnished in part by a State or Federal agency and one-half credit is allowed the producer for the extent to which the practice is carried out, the notation "1/2", followed by the name of such agency, shall be entered after the description of the practice. Where a practice was carried out by use of conservation materials furnished by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration the notation "AAA" shall be entered following the description of the practice.

Extent of Practice: Enter in column C the acreage, linear feet, cubic feet, cubic yards, or pounds of each practice carried out. The range inspector will make this entry for all practices except those which are expressed in acres, which must be made in the county office after measurements have been determined. Where necessary the range inspector shall make such measurements as will be needed in the county office in making acreage determinations and shall furnish the county office with a record of such measurements. Particular attention should be given to making entries in connection with the following practices:

2. - Artificial reseeding: Enter the number of pounds of seed sown and the acreage of land on which such practice has been carried out.

4. - Contour listing, furrowing, and chiseling: Enter separately the linear feet of listing, furrowing, or chiseling, according to the designation under (a), (b), or (c) of practice 4.

7. - Construction of earthen tanks or reservoirs: Enter separately for each earthen tank or reservoir the total cubic yards of dirt moved in connection therewith, and also list separately with respect to the same reservoir (1) the cubic yards of dirt used in construction of the dam and (2) that not used in construction of the dam but necessary in constructing the tank or reservoir.

9. - Drilling or digging of wells: Indicate the size of the casing of each well (outside measurement).

10. - Development of natural watering places: List separately each natural watering place developed and enter for each place the number of cubic feet excavated and indicate whether the excavation was in soil or gravel or in rock formation.

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<sup>1/</sup> Labor, seed, trees, or materials furnished to a State, a political subdivision of a State, or an agency thereof, by any agency of the same State shall not be deemed to have been furnished by a State agency, nor shall trees purchased from a Clark-McNary Cooperative State Nursery be deemed to have been paid for in whole or in part by a State or Federal Agency.



11. (a) or (b) - Tree planting: In Oklahoma enter the acreage on which forest trees are planted in accordance with the specifications set forth in the 1941 Agricultural Conservation Program State Handbook. In Texas enter separately the acreages planted to pine trees and the acreage to hardwoods and other species in accordance with the specifications set forth in the 1941 Agricultural Conservation Program State Handbook.

12. (a), (b), or (c) - Elimination of prickly pear and cactus: Indicate whether the infestation was light, medium, or heavy.

If the percent of infestation is less than 2%, the acreage to be entered in column C shall be determined by calculating two or more acres as one acre according to the relative facts found by the range inspector and approved by the county committee.

13. (a), (b), or (c) - Elimination of mesquite: Indicate whether the infestation was light, medium, or heavy.

If the percent of infestation is less than 5%, the acreage to be entered in column C shall be determined by calculating two or more acres as one acre, according to the relative facts found by the range inspector and approved by the county committee.

14. (a), (b), or (c) - Elimination of cedar: Indicate whether the infestation was light, medium, or heavy.

If the percent infestation is less than 5%, the acreage to be entered in column C shall be determined by calculating two or more acres as one acre, according to the relative facts found by the range inspector and approved by the county committee.

15. - Elimination of lechuguilla: The range inspector shall determine and enter, following the description of the practice for each tract on which lechuguilla has been eliminated, the percentage of the ground infested.

If the percent infestation is more than 2%, the entire acreage in the tract shall be entered in column C. If the percent infestation is 2% or less, the acreage to be entered in such column shall be determined by calculating two or more acres as one acre, according to the relative facts found by the range inspector and approved by the county committee.

16. - Eradication of sagebrush: The range inspector shall determine and enter, following the description of the practice for each tract on which sagebrush has been eradicated, the percentage of the ground infested. If the percent infestation is more than 10%, the acreage in the tract shall be entered in column A. If the percent infestation is less than 10%, the acreage to be entered in column C shall be determined by calculating two or more acres as one acre, according to the relative facts found by the range inspector and approved by the county committee.



B. Failure to maintain practices:

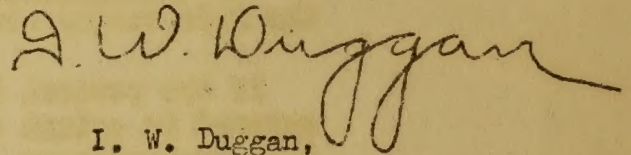
The range inspector shall enter on the back of Form 553 a complete description of:

1. Any water development or fence constructed or forest trees planted under a previous program which is not maintained in accordance with good ranch management,
2. Any seedings of perennial legumes or grasses which were destroyed after the ranch operator was informed that the destruction of such legumes or grasses is contrary to the purposes of the program, or,
3. Any range building practice carried out under a previous program the effectiveness of which has been destroyed in 1941 contrary to good ranch management.

C. Section 4. - Signatures:

The operator(s) and the range inspector shall affix their signatures and enter the date(s) in the spaces provided.

Issued June 5, 1941 with the approval of the Administrator.



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